



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy few weeks at our wonderful school! We continue to cram our days with as much learning as possible – of course, we make sure it's all really fun too! Sometimes, like buses, our themed weeks all come along at once! Thanks to Mrs Leonard (who leads our curriculum) Mrs Hayes (our Art and Design lead) along with all the staff for making sure there is never a dull moment in your child(ren)'s day.

This week has been our '**Arts Week**'. The children have been immersed in lots of creative opportunities along with many other schools all over the CUSP network. It has been amazing to see how each child has developed their skills and created some amazing art work. Watch this space! You'll get to see it exhibited really soon!

This week is also **National Storytelling Week**. We welcomed Margaret Bateson-Hill into school to lead on some workshops with our Key-stage 2 children. She also shared her book 'First Flight'.

And finally, we have also been celebrating **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**! We were really fortunate to have Laura Baugh – Head of Royal Greenwich Music Service (and also Rosa and Roman's mum!) joined by Joe and Jack, come into school to lead singing and music workshops. The workshops were so good for everyone involved! Hopefully, your children can share some of the techniques and skills they learnt?!

**School lunch news!** I have been receiving lots of feedback about our school lunch provision over the past few weeks. Like many schools locally, our meals are provided by Chartwells. I have met with Lorraine (Area Manager) from Chartwells on a number of occasions recently to deal with some arising issues. Yesterday, I met with our wonderful Pupil Voice group along with Lorraine and Gemma (Chartwell's Nutritionist). The children helped to select the Summer menu as well as bring the views and opinions of school lunches from their class. It was a helpful session together and we all learnt so much! For example, the dishwasher (which is brand new!) washes the cutlery and plates at 82 degrees Celsius and everything is air-dried to avoid contamination, so marks on the cutlery aren't food but water marks. The children learnt about the food standards agency and how much sugar can be in each meal and that there is absolutely no salt added! The menus are very specific and can be obtained from the school office and on our website.

**Parents/Carers' Prayer Group** – just a reminder that the prayer group meet in the MayWhit Café every Thursday at 9am. This is a time of fellowship for school community. All members of the Eltham family are welcome.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with lots of rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more learning.

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

[Colossians 3 v 16](#)

### **Calendar Dates!**

**School breaks up** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February (normal time)

**INSET DAY** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (No children in school)

**HALF TERM BREAK** - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Back to school** - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents'/Carers' Evenings** - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (bookings open next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb)